

THE COCONINO SUN.

teaching her second year. Mrs. B. C. Olney is the teacher of the primary department, and has successfully filled this position for five years.

From the report of the county school superintendent we learn that the schools of the county for the year 1897 have shown an increase in attendance, and there seems to be more interest taken in them by the people in general. In a general way perfect harmony prevails between patrons and teachers, a feature necessary to the successful running of our schools.

The board of supervisors arrived at a wise conclusion when they raised the school rate from 35 to 45 cents on the hundred, for under the raise we will be able to have longer terms of school than formerly, and besides will have funds on hand for the beginning of the next school year, and it will enable the trustees to make improvements where necessary. The financial condition of the different districts is very satisfactory.

The amounts expended by the different districts during the year and the amounts received, including the balances paid at the beginning of the year, are as follows:

DISTRICT NO.	Received.....	Expended.....	Bal. on Hand.....
1—Flagstaff.....	\$ 5,108 01	\$3,879 36	\$1,228 45
2—Williams.....	2,932 07	2,330 29	601 78
3—Bellemont.....	401 03	367 06	33 32
4—Frisco.....	25 45	15 00	10 45
5—Tuba City.....	1,361 79	706 02	594 77
6—Fredonia.....	1,380 15	516 32	863 83
7—Moen Avn.....	697 00	365 05	341 95
Cont'g't school fund	737 36	440 15	297 21
Total.....	\$12,551 73	\$8,680 97	\$3,870 76

The funds in the contingent school fund are for the purpose of paying the superintendent's salary, examiners' fees, stationery, postage, printing and office supplies.

Frisco, district 4 (Pump House), will lapse, for the reason that there are not the required number of children in the district to commence a school.

As a rule all the teachers in the county are giving satisfaction. Of course there are some complaints from some quarters, but people must remember that there are two sides to all questions.

There are three teachers holding "life diplomas," two holding territorial certificates, three first grade county certificates, four second grade county certificates.

There were seven applicants for county certificates during the year, of whom two obtained first grade certificates, four second grade, and one failed to pass.

Number of children of school age, census of 1897, 575. Average daily attendance, 322. Cost per child of school age, \$15.09. Cost based on average daily attendance, \$26.96. Average salary paid teachers for 1897, \$76.70.

In submitting the above report of the condition of the schools of the county for the consideration of their patrons and others who feel an interest in educational affairs, a few suggestions on the subject will not be out of place, if considered in the spirit in which they are given.

A great drawback to a teacher's work is that so many scholars do not start to school at the beginning of the term, and when they do start expect to go into the same class which they would have been in had they commenced with the class at the beginning of the term, consequently are not up in the work of the class. Furthermore, if they are put in a lower grade they are dissatisfied and find fault with their teacher that they are not learning anything and have been over the work before and do not think it fair to keep them back. Hence they lose all interest in their studies